



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Legal Heir of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)



Eagle Scout Recognition Program

Honoring Scouting's highest rank in the tradition of the Grand Army of the Republic

THE SUVCW RECOGNIZES YOUR EAGLE SCOUT

- ★ A congratulatory letter
- ★ Full-color Certificate of Commendation
- ★ Presentation at your Court of Honor by an SUVCW member
- ★ Or mailed to your troop or Scout

Apply through your local Eagle Coordinator or use the QR code below

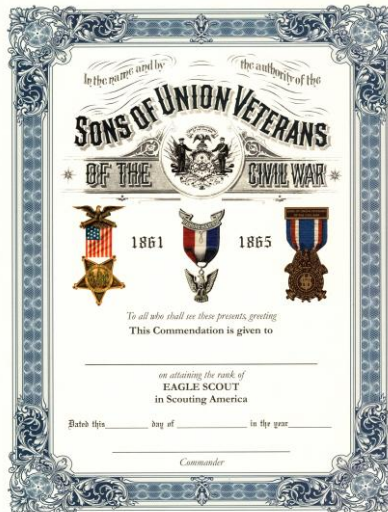
HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- Eligibility: Any Scout who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout — no SUVCW membership, family lineage, or Civil War project is required.
- Application: A parent, troop leader, or the Scout submits the Eagle Scout Commendation Application (available through the local SUVCW Eagle Coordinator or online using the QR code below).
- Presentation: Where possible, an SUVCW member — often in Civil War-era or Order uniform — attends the Court of Honor to present the certificate and letter in person; otherwise it is mailed.
- Project inspiration: Scouts seeking an Eagle project idea are encouraged to consider Civil War history, monuments, or veteran-grave preservation, but this is not a requirement for the award.

ABOUT THE SUVCW EAGLE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a fraternal order of over 400,000 Union veterans of 1861–1865, was a living symbol of patriotism when the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910. Before the last GAR member passed in 1956, the organization named the SUVCW its official Legal Heir — charged with carrying forward its devotion to patriotism, civic duty, and love of flag.

Recognizing an Eagle Scout Court of Honor is one way SUVCW camps (local chapters) and departments (state organizations) keep that tradition alive today, standing alongside Scouting America's newest Eagle Scouts.



HISTORY OF THE AWARD

In 1913, overwhelmed organizers of the 50th anniversary “Great Reunion” of Union and Confederate Civil War veterans turned to the three-year-old Boy Scouts of America (now Scouting America) for help.

385 Scouts, organized into 24 troops, helped set-up the tents, provided assistance during the four-day event, staffed the first aid tents, and much more. They also greeted President Woodrow Wilson on his arrival for his speech.

In gratitude, the SUVCW implemented the Eagle Scout Recognition program and invites you to apply for a recognition letter and certificate for new Eagle Scouts.

Local Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

or eaglescouts@suvchw.org (or use the QR code to get the application form)

